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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
P.O. Box 1360  
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Attention: Li Wan

Via Email: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)

Dear Mr. Wan:

**Subject:** Proposal not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish Habitat Management Program (DFO) received the proposals for the Doris North Portal Modifications and Explosives Facility Relocation on June 24, 2010. Please refer to the file number and title below:

DFO File No.:                      **02-HCAA-CA7-00117**  
Title:                                **DORIS NORTH (FORMERLY DORIS HINGE GOLD)  
PROJECT - HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE**

The proposals have been reviewed to determine whether they are likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat which are prohibited by the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* or those prohibitions of the *Species at Risk Act* that apply to aquatic species.\*

Our review consisted of:

- Portal Modification Package sent to the Nunavut Water Board prepared by Hope Bay Mining Limited, dated February 24, 2010.
- Cover letter, Executive Summary and Application for Amendment No.2 of Water License No. 2AM-DOH0713 (Explosives Mixing and Storage Facility Relocation), dated May 20, 2010.

Provided that the plans are implemented as described, DFO has concluded that the proposals are not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

\*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20, 22, 32 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

The proponent will not need to obtain a formal approval from DFO in order to proceed with the proposals.

If you have any questions please contact Gary Cooper at 905-639-4396, by fax at 905-639-3549, or by email at [gary.cooper@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:gary.cooper@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Cooper".

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